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10 In re patent application of:

Inventor: Alfred D. Commins et al
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Specification:

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Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4.

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after line 4:

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. patent application
 08/975,940, filed November 21, 1997.

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 9, 10, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 33, and 34.

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1 The undersigned wishes to state that if the Examiner has questions
about this amendment, the undersigned would be most happy to try to
answer them on the telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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